

QIC Monthly Meeting Richfield Southwest Region **DRAFT**  
March 25, 2009

Our monthly QIC meeting was held at Central Utah Counseling Center (CUCC) at 12:30PM on Wednesday March 25th.

**In attendance:** Angie Morrill; Shelley Haupt, Community Partner; Leanne Geigle, CUCC; Pamela Allred, DCFS Supervisor Richfield; Tammy Powell, DJJS; Arleen Cromwell PhD, CUCC Director Richfield; Valorie Johnson, DV worker; Caron Wither, New Horizons Crisis Center; Karen Payne, CASA Program Manager; Marissa Douglas, UFCF; April Fortie, Family Support Center Manager; Debora Bertelson, Headstart; Bruce Zylks, DCFS Program Administrator and Karen Anderson, DCFS Administrative Assistant.

**Excused:** Mary Lee Harrison, Retired Community Partner; Susan Munk, Family Support Center Director/Workforce Services; Josephine Griffith, Community Partner; Gail Albrecht, Sevier School District; Don & Coyle Brinkerhoff, Richfield foster parents;

**Agenda Items:**

Welcome

Review Previous meeting Minutes

Worker Retention – thank you Karen Payne

Quarterly Report – Bruce

QCR – Bruce / Shelley, Caron, Marissa

Discuss Goals for this year

Headstart presentation for Child Abuse / Prevention month Debbie B.

Relationship Factory Conference – Bruce

**Handouts:**

Shelley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made and minutes from our last QIC in February were reviewed and approved.

A few of the goals that has been discussed at our last meeting were: 3) Transition of adult living (TAL) for youth in foster care 4) reviewing all unsupported CPS referrals 5) parent advocate program. Karen called and talked to Marilee Greenland 801-264-7535 in Salt Lake regarding the input from our QIC members that attending the QIC Summit in SLC in November. The following is what the SLC QIC has done or are going: 3) (TAL) SLC QIC had the TAL coordinator come to their meeting and talk about the TAL program and how it assists the older youth in foster care. They are also planning on having some of the independent living youth come to their meeting and talk about their experiences with TAL. 4) The SLC QIC had question of why the Tooele area CPS removals were at a high percentage rate than SLC. SLC QIC had the CPS supervisor come to their meeting and discuss the percentages in general, no special cases or names were used. 5) SLC DCFS is working on a parent advocate program. Karen is getting feedback from Ken McCauley on what they are working on.

After some discussing the committee decided that our goals for this year would be worker retention and stability of foster placements. Arlene asked what the group thought they could do on the stability issue. Educated the foster parents as to the child's needs. Proctor parents need to accept the child for what they are, sometimes when a child has been in a dysfunctional family and then all of a sudden they are placed in a structured, functioning home with so many rules it is a really culture shock/change. Respite care is sometimes needed for the foster parents and/or kinship placements. Under certain conditions DJJS can

sometimes be used for time outs. Angie Morrill can also be called. Arlene also suggested that CUCC could possibly be a potential respite. The committee talked about groups of people that the Foster Care Foundation could possibly target and contact the might be willing to become foster parents. It was also suggested that we invite The Office of Licensing to come to our next meeting and answer some of the committee's questions on the Licensing process and requirements. The Utah Foster Care Foundation hold training once a year in both Richfield and Manti. They would hold more trainings if there was a need. The QIC committee was willing to be a support to Marissa on the nights that she does recruitment. Marissa will bring the packet that she presents to the potential foster parent.

Bruce reported on the Southwest Regions QCR that was held during the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four QIC members volunteered to assist with the review; Caron Withers, Shelley Haupt, Tammy Powell and Marissa Douglas. Over all the outcomes were quite high; except for stability. Shelley had concern's that some of the QCR tools are unfair, meaning that DCFS is scored on some items that they have no control over. Tammy's comment was that there is a lack of service's in our area. It make's it had to reunify a child with their family/community when a child is placed hours away from their family, school, friend and community.

Debora Bertelson shared with the committee what the Headstart is doing in the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention. In Richfield at the City park on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> their will be a Walk-a-thon, Band, the Elsinore fire Department, booth the DNA identity kits for children, face painting and more. Frames are needed for the children's art action and help to clean up. Tammy volunteered the DJJS work crew to help clean up. There will also be a yard sale at the Family Support Center. The Family Support Center is also accepting items for their yard sale.

Relationship Factory Conference that was held in Cedar City was a big success. Eric Guy from Center for Victory specializes in the treatment of behavioral and emotional disturbances in children and families, he also has expertise in attachment and bonding issues.

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